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American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York City

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith I am sending you herewith what appears to be an old medal. It was sent to us by one of our members, with the request that we tell him what it is. Will you therefore let me know what it is, if possible.

Appreciating your cooperation, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Lillian M. Rose

(1 enclosure) Editorial Department

June 29th, 1921.

Miss Lillian M. Rose,
Editorial Department,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:-

You favor of June 28th enclosing a coin received. The piece is a sequin struck by Ludovico Manin, Doge of Venice, between the years 1788 and 1797. The coin is still common and brings very little premium over face. I am herewith enclosing the coin.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

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COPY OF LETTER SENT TO GEOGRAPHIC

American Numismatic Society,
157th Street & Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am inclosing a coin which we recently received from Mr. R. M. Bruning, 577 Kenilworth Ave., San Leandro, California, accompanied with a letter reading in part as follows:

"I am sending you herewith for examination, what seems to be an old coin, which has been in possession of our family for years. I understand it was brought over from Germany by my grandfather, to whom it, along with other trinkets, had been passed by his parents. If you can give me any information concerning it I shall appreciate it very much."

We shall appreciate any assistance you can give Mr. Bruning in this matter.

Very truly yours,

McF. Kerbey. EB

Editorial Staff.

K. EB.LH.

16th November, 1928

Mr. R. M. Bruning,
577 Kenilworth Avenue,
San Leandro, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The National Geographic Society has turned over to us your inquiry concerning the silver coin which you sent and which is herewith enclosed.

The piece is a two-real piece struck at Potosi in 1747 by the Spaniards, in what was then Perú but is now in Bolivia. Vast quantities of these were made and they are still common. In fact, often times they are melted down. It was worth, roughly, about 25 cents.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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